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Business and Politics.

The new senator from Florida, to sucreed Mr. Bryan, is a banker. As Mr. Taliaferro also is a business man, this gives Florida an unusual record as a the only other southern state now represented in the Senate by two non-profes sional men. Mr. Bankhead is a farmer, and Mr. Johnston a business man. They

have just succeeded two lawyers. The south as a rule sends lawyers to both houses of Congress. It is a section where oratory is much practiced and admired, and aspirants for political honors are expected to speak for what they want. This accounts for the large number of effective speakers from that quarter.

In the Senate today we have from Texas Mr. Balley and Mr. Culberson, both lawyers, and the former one of the best and Mr. Taylor, both lawyers, and the latter a man of wit and humor. And

would benefit if her business men took a greater interest in politics and oftener appeared in high office. They have done some extraordinary things in their own field since the war. All interests there, planting, and manufacturing, and commercial, have been advanced to a great been the architects of all her prosperity. They have brought her up to date, and are keeping her there.

It is assumed therefore that if more of these men could be induced to devote their talents to public affairs, their success would be as signal there as it has been in private affairs. All of our leading issues today partake of business, and a thorough business training stands a legislator well in hand. The currency, the tariff, the trusts, the railroads, are subjects upon which business men of the higher grades would enter as legiclators with knowledge very valuable to the general welfare.

One difficulty is with the rewards. In life, not to mention opportunities for investments and speculation which a conscientious public official cannot improve.

The Householder's Spring Task.

It is not too early to take thought of the front lawn and the garden. In a few weeks the grass will be long enough to be given its first trimming, and already the shrubs are budding, under the influence of the warmth of the past few days. The wise householder, who believes in keeping his premises neat and attractive, is already looking over his stock of garden tools and studying the seed catalogues, and otherwise preparing for the joyful and the debate may be protracted. As the reason for allowing much important task of encouraging nature. There is at the Aldrich bill is not an emergency information to lie dormant, least one of these energetic home gar- measure as respects present financial condeners in every block of dwellings, and ditions the House may not hurry. The often the majority of the residents are Senate examined the subject pretty thor- tendency to shorten messages is not in inspired by the idea that the citizen's oughly. Big guns on both sides thun- any sense an indication that he is losing duty includes the care of the grass and dered, and the noise at least was con-interest. the cultivation of decorative plants and siderable. Still the House may have new vines. The ideal of these generous contributors to the city's appearance is that of a constantly striving spirit of compe- its quality and quantity, always is sure the greatest soft-drink seasons ever tition between individuals, until there are of a hearing. no bald spots, no sordid conditions, no neglected opportunities for artistic development.

With the deep parkings permitted by the wise plans upon which the city is laid out there is scarcely a residence street in the District that is not susceptible of treatment from the landscape artist's point of view. The total cost of bringing Washington up to mark in this respect will be comparatively small, if each householder is willing to contribute a little of his leisure time to the task. Really better results are scored in the long run by personal participation. The man who loves flowers well enough to get down on his difference of opinion. hands and knees and grub with a trowel will stand by the enterprise longer than the man who hires his help. But this is not meant in deprecation of the man who does all his work by proxy. There are many too busy to devote any time to gardening, and others not strong enough in which there is no such word as "fail" to undertake the toil of digging, hoeing. raking and planting and trimming. Whether by direct or indirect participation, however, every household should take a hand in the development of the city to its full possibilities as the garden of homes.

The silence of Mr. Wu is becoming positively depressing. It would be a relief to have him break in with a few interrogations rather than maintain this

gloomy reticence. Mr. Hill is persona grata, but just what the kaiser says about him in German

seems to be another matter.

Working Both Sides. sons interested in securing Judge Par-

his candidacy after the convention."

Continuing, he says: "There are certain financial interests which are always so active before the These men formed a very effective quar- Will serve to start a wistfulness; a sweet conventions that they want to dominate tette. both parties and nominate both candidates. At this time there are certain monopolistic influences that are demanding that the democrats nominate a man

"roduce his proofs. To all appear- republican as before democratic. men who secured the nomina-

"ker's success. The have a good man for second place on the

one that if elected ticket. of their number the reasury-the office had most at heart. : place they would t into the fight.

behalf of candidates for nominations of the country's approval. Chicago. With each ticket headed by a high spirits if the battle is to be won. man whose opinions on the money ques-THE STAR has a regular and permanent tion they considered sound, the financiers over the work to the old political stagers. Of this force Mr. Cleveland that year had the pick, and the Homestead strike and riot happening opportunely, the vicpower was held responsible for the blood-

But this year Wall street has been too abutting property are to refund this cost. spotted and their labors noted and ap- in this District that a separate measure Chicago or Denver.

Fighting Bosses.

and you will find the despised of last year ing in both houses, awaiting the pleasure among the prime favorites of this year. of the committees, looking to the abatespeakers in public life. From Virginia we In Cincinnati Mr. Cox is in good odor ment of all such nuisances. have Mr. Daniel and Mr. Martin, both again, and honored by his fellow-citizens The owners of property should be relawyers, and the former a very popular with a commission to the Chicago con- quired to keep it in order in a manner orator. From Maryland we have Mr. vention. In New York Mr. Murphy is to prevent the creation of dangerous or Rayner and Mr. Smith, the one a lawyer active, and asking to be sent to Denver, inconveniencing conditions. The sideand the other a man of business, and and likely to have his wishes gratified. walks are provided by the municipality the former an orator of power. From On the other side of the fence Mr. Odell to give access not merely to such prop- Lighting Georgia we have Mr. Bacon and Mr. has his flag up, and may in part recover erty, but past it. When through the Clay, both lawyers, and both good speak- his prestige. At any rate, when the bat- negligence of the owner the sidewalk beers. From Tennessee come Mr. Frazier the between the two parties opens his comes fouled to the point of being imservices. And so elsewhere.

if the bosses were operating under cover erable that the District government has through dummies. We should enjoy full no such measures today and that in this view of those who are responsible for extremity it becomes necessary for a what is going on. Then, when all is representative to introduce a bill formalover, and the rewards are to be distrib- ly proposing the abatement of dangerous uted, we shall all know who has been conditions along a stretch of street less chine for lighting public halls, churches, strengthened and who weakened by the than 150 feet in length. degree. The south is rich, and getting division of the spoils. Besides, bosses richer, and her men of business have have a sort of pride, and while their power remains are justified in offering for

honors that are going. Shall we ever get rid of the bosses perreally desire to do so? The masquerade I did say was that Czolgosz sacrificed him- tried upward of one hundred times, and has been in progress for years, and shows an undiminished popularity. In local campaigns, where mayoralties and places of that grade are at stake, the outcries as the result, the bosses are dethroned. For a time they go into retirement, and as first-class mail matter. there are none poor enough to do them honor publicly.

But that is deceptive. The bosses are and wax fatter and stronger than ever. Fighting bosses is the "thinnest" of our political performances, but maybe the

The House and the Currency.

Discussion of the currency problem is now transferred to the House. Many matter to offer, and if it is interesting

It remains to be seen whether the banks will not find some means of making the consumer pay the tax under Mr. Aldrich's system of elastic currency.

It will be noted that very few of these presidential booms are of sufficient importance to induce Gen. Grosvenor to get down his arithmetic.

It may be difficult to get up great excitement over a presidential campaign in which the candidates display so few

The creditors of the Duke de Chaulnes did not manifest the politeness on which Frenchmen usually pride themselves.

Perhaps this may be the eventful year

in the fruit crop lexicon. In other words, Miss Elkins merely said she would be a sister to the Duke of the

Republicans Should Sober Up.

The Indiana democrats are plucking up If all these promissory notes neart. Their state convention was largely attended, and the contests for places on the state ticket were spirited. Nominations altogether creditable were made, and there is going to be a hot time in the old commonwealth this fall.

For years Indiana was safely demoeratic. The leadership of Hendricks, Mc-Donald, English, and Voorhees possessed all the elements of success with the Mr. Bryan charges in the Commoner Hoosier people. Mr. Hendricks had sathat advocates of the nomination of gacity and suavity. Mr. McDonald was a Judge Parker in 1904 afterward deliber- rugged man of common sense and drivately sold him out, and that these per- ing power. Mr. English was a most successful man of business, and knew how cier!" ker's nomination showed no interest in to appeal to the local business world. Mr. Voorhees was a stump orator who had studied his constituents closely and gave A little bit of sunshine in the early days them just what they most appreciated.

They left no democrats of their quality. Of the time when earth was Eden with while the republicans were fortunate in the young men who had come on. Mr. Until relentless winter came along and friendly to predatory wealth. These men Fairbanks, Mr. Beveridge, Mr. Hemenhave their representatives in the various way, Mr. Landis, Mr. Watson, Mr. Over- We have wandered almost hopeless states and they are working under- street, and others swung the state to the republican column, and have kept it there. Endeavoring to yield to Fate and not be As to the first proposition Mr. Bryan Since then Indiana has been as safely

At last, however, several causes operate Parker did all they could ing, there is the prospect of an old-time v made mere figureheads of contest for control. The democrats are the campaign committee, very active, and are heartened by intelliinto their own hands, gence from elsewhere. They seem to feel You want the neighbors who made glad , for it emphasized the that the tide has turned, or is turning, etween the candidate and that the day of jubilee approaches. out it did not suggest Mr. Bryan is their choice for President. en had everything to and in John W. Kern they think they

Here is a pointer for the republicans. What is true of Indiana is true also of other states. There is a sort of democratic revival. The leaders of that party show signs of real life. Some of them But you know that June is waiting with a t for all the time are gambling on the broad proposition that the republican luck must change. Others When the wild flowers shyly listen to the osition Mr. Bryan are calculating on the basis of the numere are financial ous republican divisions. And still others You find you're growing homesick; hometo work, with believe in the democratic policies so

both parties. They busy themselves in strongly that they are confident at last of

whose views they approve. They began In the face of all this the republicans this years ago. In the spring of 1892 they should sober up. Their factional fighting were especially busy. The opposition to has gone on long enough. They have the renomination of General Harrison nobody to spare. Their strong men, disturbed them, and they helped to de- east, west, north and south, will all feat it. Then they exerted themselves be needed during the next seven months. in behalf of Mr. Cleveland, and were and the rank and file must be brought to among his most powerful supporters at the polls in November in good order and

Mud on the Sidewalks.

Representative Rodenburg the other day introduced in the House a bill appropriating \$400 for clearing the roadway and sidewalks on R street between Eckington place and 2d street northeast of mud or

have no power to compel the owner of the bosses, big and little, are doing. The or to abate the nuisance, even temporariwhole tribe are busy. Go into any state ly. A general act on this subject is pend-

This may be bad, but it is better than temporary, but permanent. It is intol-

Anarchy

From Paterson, N. J.: manently? Or, as a matter of fact, do we gosz did right in killing McKinley. What taneously ignited. This experiment was for the cause, and did what he be-

"This statement was made tonight by Ludovico Camanita, editor of La Questione Sociale, the anarchist newspaper suppressed by the post office authorities. He against the bosses are deafening. Often, said that funds will be solicited for publishing and distributing La Questione Sociale, even if it is necessary to send it out

That is to say, Czolgosz and Camanita were in agreement as to the cause, but is as suddenly extinguished. The experidiffered as to the victim. The point is ments with this new lamplighter were politics the highest salaries are small suck their paws through the winter of creature to the policy of assassination is when compared with these in business the public discontent, reduce their weight, in part responsible for the killing of any and come out of their dens when the victim the latter may pick. As for circuweather softens in prime condition for lating an anarchist newspaper as firstbattle again. And then, where before class mail matter, such a publication they were drubbed, they now are coddled, should be barred from the mails altogether. No rate should carry it.

> Funds that should be in the Farmers' most popular, and certainly the most Deposit Bank of Pittsburg are reported to have "mysteriously disappeared." Pittsburg always did have such a delicate way of putting things.

The fact that Admiral Evans did not representatives are primed with opinions, write for the magazines is regarded as

The fact that the President shows a

Prohibition activity makes it probable the country will give attention. Money, that the coming summer will be one of

> Count Boni is possibly in a quandary as to whether he ought to send congratulations or challenge to a duel.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Another Point of View. "Do you think gambling has demoralized | Further

horse races?" "No, sir," answered the unemotional citizen. "I have no objection to a reasonable wager at fair odds among gentlemen. I think horse racing has demoralized gambling."

An Apprehension.

"It will seem strange to have to use benches in the Capitol." "Yes," answered the member of Congress. "I suppose it will seem as if we put into the bleachers."

The Campaign Orator. His note of promise lightly floats The voter's plaudits to evoke.

Drew interest, he would sure go broke! No Gift.

"Would you call that orator's eloquence a gift?"

"Not at all. He always charges least 50 cents admission."

Mistaken But Apropos,

"So the Baron Fucashi asked Miss Gilt-

Homesick.

of spring

remembering the blossoms all about

turned you out through the months that drifted by

glum or sigh. Now the warm wind in the branches weaves a dreamy little rhyme And you find you're growing homesick;

homesick for the summer time. the place of yore. You want to see Old Busy Bee come buz-

zing 'round once more. To greet the honest faces of the daisies in the field And smell the perfume from the censers

that the roses wield.

The year has seemed a journey filled with hardship and distress. welcoming tenderness.

> roystering robin's chime, sick for the summer time!

YEARS AGO IN THE STAR

The following paragraph, printed in The Star of March 23, 1858, under the head of "River News," is an example of the items often to be found in the daily papers Papers." of this region before the

war between the states.

Alexandria, where he made arrangements greater Belgium, which has been the tory fell to the democrats. The party in other obstacles which may interfere with for a sparring exhibition to come off dream of the king since the days when Rubber has locally no value whatever "the safe and convenient progress of there. He then got on board the steamer shed which, as alleged, had grown out pedestrians." One-half of the money is Page to return to Washington. Capt. of the arrogance of an industry that to come from the federal treasury and Price, in passing around to collect the he was a member, in March, 1861, the had profited largely from the protective the other half from the District tax rev- fare from the passengers, came across enues, but eventually the owners of the Vincent and demanded his free papers ways and canals constructed, said: as usual. The man made reply that he industrious and too open. It has hunted No provision is made for the permanent did not chose to show his papers, and pulling out a dime and two coppers said. Belgium they fail to place in direct comagents everywhere, whether anti-Bryan It is a striking commentary on the as he held them forth, that that was all munication our centers of production with or anti-Roosevelt, or both, have been state of the laws governing the sidewalks the free papers he chose to show. Capt. the great markets of America. I would Price informed him that the law compelled him to cause the free papers of any colpraised. It does not seem possible for should be presented for the purpose of ored man, passing out of the state of Virwhat is called reaction to win at either curing only one of a large number of ginia, to be exhibited, or said colored similar nuisances in the Capital city. The man must be vouched for by some restretch of sidewalk and roadway in ques-darky still remained indifferent and tion has been virtually impassable for when the boat reached the landing he en-The critics of George B. Cox should years, save in the driest weather, when deavored to go ashore, but was prevented have a care. This is the closed season it is possible to walk over the baked by Capt. Price. He then hauled off and for bosses. It is not in order to hunt dirt. In damp weather pedestrians must struck the captain two heavy blows, which had the effect to disable him; but them now. They are fair game between take to the middle of the street, to their several of the deck hands sprang upon times, but in presidential years they are infinite danger from passing street cars. the fellow and secured him, after some entitled to their liberty and to entire Under the statutes the Commissioners trouble, and locked him up in the hold. He was taken to Alexandria and there arrested and taken before a magistrate, who heard the evidence of the captain and the hands and sentenced the prisoner to receive thirty-nine lashes on the bare back, pay a fine of \$6 and give security that he would never come into the state of Virginia again. The punishment was inflicted on last Sunday morning.

Half a century ago, when gas was the latest and best means of illuminating public halls and other places of assemblage, the awkward one. The lighting of jet after jet by hand was slow and was party will be glad to avail itself of his passable, a condition exists wich calls sometimes dangerous. An experimental device had been installed in the new House of Representatives hall, which proved fairly satisfactory, but left much to be desired. In The Star of March 26, 1858, is a news paragraph indicating that progress was being scored: "A Mr. Samuel Gardiner, jr., of New York has invented and patented a new ma-

theaters and all large rooms, where many gas lights are used, by means of electricity. He has attached this machine to the large chandeller in the United States Senate chamber (now the Supreme Court room) and on Wednesday morning 'I did not advocate the assassination of the whole 1,500 burners in the Senate the President, and I do not say that Czol- were, by simply touching a key, instaneach time with complete success. The of ate hall, has perfect control over the gas, which is turned on gradually or rapidly at pleasure, by the simple process of touching an electric key. Placed in close contact is another key, by touching which the entire chandelier, containing no matter how many burners, is illuminated as suddenly as though by a flash of lightning. By a simple reversion of the key the light witnessed by a large number of persons, who had been apprised beforehand of the

> * * Washington was none too orderly half a century ago, its peculiar police organization and lack of effective municipal control over the District territory contributing to the Riot. development of dangerous con-

ditions. In The Star of March 27, 1858. are two news items which tell their significant story of lawlessness in the streets. One of them is as follows:

"The night before last some five individuals of the rowdy class, who have 'the yard in a hack and stopping near the Anacostia engine house, they alighted, and, seeing a few young fellows at the door of the engine house, they attacked them with pistols, firing about a dozen shots, some of which pierced the doors of the house and placed the assailed party in imminent danger; luckily no one was hurt. This occurred about the time the first alarm of fire was given on that night, and the boys who were attacked by this crowd were not members of any fire organization, having been drawn to the spot merely from curiosity. Finding themselves thus unexpectedly assailed, they retorted in such a manner as to put the cowardly fellows to flight in a few moments, for, finding themselves met so warmly, they Leopold's retreated to their carriage, which drove

rapidly back toward the city.'

Far more serious was a street row that occurred in the northern section of town. ond of the news items mentioned, in part as follows: Rioting. "A fire broke out in Shreeves' stable on M street between 6th and 7th street about 9 o'clock of last night. The Northern Liberties fire company was the first on the ground and ex- 40,000 hectares for experiments in coffee tinguished the flames. About this time. and after some of the members had left the scene of the fire, the Perseverance reel passed up 7th street and was followed, they declare their satisfaction that the about ten minutes afterward, by a reel 'Good Will,' drawn by a large party of men, and just as they arhad been shut out of the grand stand and rived opposite the Northern Liberties market a fight began. Who began it no one seems to know, or rather one party says it was the other party, and vice versa. Anyhow, a great many shots were fired from pistols and muskets; some say as many as 150 shots from all parties, who seem to have been armed by preconcert, of the anti-Kongoists. The commission It is rumored that some persons were will propose certain reforms tending to killed outright.

terested state that the first shot was fired pay their taxes in money and not as heregan the fight by crying, 'Oh, you Swypers!' lieve, at least affects to do so. Still another account says the attack was made by the Northern Liberty boys, who were secreted in the market house. A "Across Widest Africa" on the question ing of the Compagnie d'Ostende by Eng-"He meant to. But he got confused in looker-on states that during the fight a of rubber and money, says: his English and asked her to be his finan- man who led the Good Will boys used a and then fall back behind the boxes and upon the ground with legs spread wide other retiring places."

THE BERLIN PRESS GALLERY.

From the Toledo Blade. From the Chicago Evening Post. Herr Groeber has apologized for calling the reichstag reporters "swine." Perhaps he thinks "porcupines" would have been correct. when the girl has a few millions.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat. From the Chicago Journal. Rivals of the German political leader who called the reichstag reporters "swine" are now reveling in the assurrich that money does not enter into his matrimonial calculations. Yet he has only ance that he will never again be able to \$90,000 a year, and what is that to the "hog" all the space in the publicity col-Washington smart set? umns of the newespapers. From the Nashville Tennesseean. From the Portland (Me.) Argus.

The apology made for the insult to the reporters in the German reichstag proves that even in autocratic Germany the can girl and her dowry. power of the press is not to be sneezed at. From the Detroit News. When the Berlin press gallery laughed

"immortal souls of the negro." they

From the Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

showed up the weakness in the German From the Albany Times-Union. supernatural scheme, where there is no This time an American heiress will wed 'Jim Crow' service after death. into the royal family of Italy. Well, it From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Perhaps that German legislator merely may set a better standard of foreign meant to insinuate that the Berlin rebridegrooms. porters are pigs with a pen. From the Concord Evening Monitor.

The German reichstag evidently prefers the Duke d'Abruzzi is not a second apologizing to oblivion. Jerome Bonaparte.

BELGIUM AND THE KONGO COLONY VARIOUS VERSES

State as a colony in the principle of the ancient Incidental

device: "It is an ill wind Benefit. "About one week ago a colored profesof a merchant navy, and then, a military sor of the art pugilistic, named William navy for its protection. It may mean Vincent, passed through Washington to the passing of little Belgium into the their entire families with them and look he was yet the Duke of Brabant.

> Duke of Brabant, speaking of the rail-"But if these magnificent constructions suffice to bind together the districts of product of the country is unnecessary." that the stations of Antwerp and Ostend where the railways end, did not end

there, but on the contrary open thence a larger route to our national activity. would that these stations shall soon mark the points of departure of numerous over the sea, bring to Belgium the commerce and carrying trade which escapes And the duke, become King Leopold II in a speech in the senate on the 1st of January, 1905, recalling what he had said nearly a half century before, said: "I have retained all these ideas, but could not realize them all. It is with your aid I count to do so yet, for if the life 15th of May, the last day of the parliaof man is brief, that of nations is indefi-

nite. A country is never small when it

Belgium a greater Belgium. The particular interest which attaches to the Kongo annexation question is centered in the present discussion in the Belgian chamber and the amendments which ition of certain changes in the proposed anthe government has proposed to the orig- nexation of the Kongo Free State to Belinal proposition. The principle of parlia- gium. The commission reports that on mentary control is now definitely conceded February 24 they addressed the followand established. In the original project | ing letter to the king: the Belgian chambers had only a voice in the loans proposed, for the colony budget, strictly speaking, was established by the cession of the Kongo to Belgium we the cabinet. This essential concession will have the honor to submit very respectfulfacilitate eventually an accord between all ly to your majesty, rendering homage to parties, all the more probable that it is the elevated and patriotic views which expressly stipulated that the Belgian court has inspired him in the establishment of of accounts will receive from the min- the government of the Kongo, that these istry of colonies all necessary documents views have not been equally understood for the absolute control of receipts and by all.

Another important amendment is that which treats of the composition of the Colonial Council. bers named by the king majesty. and therefore not under the direct authority of parliament. The proposition of M. king and his successors to things re-Schollaert gives the king the appoint- lating to the Kongo and to diverse

expenses on account of the colony.

il, but as in other nominations these, as erator, who stands on the floor of the Sen- well as those appointed by parliament, are The king acceded to this request, and under the control and responsibility of on March 5 withdrew from the former the ministry. The new amendments also guarantee Africa without other reservation than the complete independence of the magis- the 40,000 hectares in the Mayumbe, on tracy. Magistrates may not be revoked which experiments in coffee culture are by the king except on the proposition of being conducted. the governor general of the colony for causes provided for by decree and in ac-

court. In case of insurrection and for rea-

sons of prompt establishment of order the king may replace the civil by the military regime. The government proposes the establishment of a permanent commission of seven whose duty it will be to oversee and protect the native. This commission torney general, is named by the king, who cal genius of her king has wisely reis to receive an annual collective report on the measures which should be adopted in favor of the native. The members of to denounce abuses and irregularities

The position of parties in the Belgium chamber is a curious study and merits brief mention. The extreme left is absolutely opposed in principle to annexation, and besides

freedom of the city,' drove to the navy claim that the actual conditions are inadmissable because annexation in any case should be effected without conditions. The special fund of 60,000,000 francs to be created in order to meet the costs is the object of very severe criticisms. M. Felicien Cattier, one of the opponents of the policy of the independent state, however, has written to the Gazette to say that he finds it only just and equitable that Belgium assume the obligations of the domain of the crown, since this domain is transferred to Belgium.

* * The radicals and socialists oppose besides the annuity of three millions which

Annuity. claim, stipulates that the civil list is fixed and cannot be modified. To this it is answered that it is not, properly speaking, an increase of the civil list, tory that amid so many divergent being described in the sec- but a means of aiding and sustaining the opinions he has known how to conquer works of the king n the interests of the colony, and in no sense a personal in-

The Catholic and liberal parties view the proposition with favor. They are disposed, however, to discuss the clause reserving | Free State, of which he is king. culture and the obligation that Belgium maintain the concessions to the American Kongo Company and to the Forest and Mining Company. On the other hand, sum of 45,000,000 francs, in lieu of 60,000,- A Navy 000, has been set aside for the purpose of executing important public works in the colony. As for the special fund of 50,000,-000 francs which is to be paid by annuities to the king, it is quite well understood that this fund is destined to be applied to a precise purpose in the colony. The tax on labor it is known constitutes one of the principal subjects of complaints the development of the circulation of "Two informants who are entirely disin- money among the natives that they may by the man who had hold of the lead rope tofore by labor. This subject has been of the Good Will reel, and that almost exploited by the anti-Kongoists, who have simultaneously the succeeding shots were trusted to its success by the ignorance of fired from all directions. One informant the public which, notwithstanding all that Spitzbergen in the Arctic ocean in 1633. states that during the fight he saw one has been said on that head by all trav- It is not less true that since then the of the police fire several shots. Another elers-the refusal of the savage negro to Flemish people have turned from the sea person says that the Good Will boys be- accept money-the public refuses to be- and have lost the taste of far-off adven-Mr. Savage Landor, the well-known man, but in the fact of the sand-silted

"Each man's name was registered so King Leopold II recalls this and more, bell, the sound of which was a signal of that no mistake could occur, and payment and may find the annexation of the Kongo attack for his men. He stood near the in goods was at once handed over. Money to Belgium a compens tion and, perchance, reel, and at the signal the men under him was useless, and the natives would not the realization of his uream, by means of would rush up, discharge their firearms accept it. Hundreds of men sat down the sea, of a greater Belgium.

THE DUKE AND THE DUGATS.

They say the Duke of Abruzzi is so

We prophesy that Miss Elkins will get

her duke and that he will get his Ameri-

American girls are not ordinarily won

by farthest north expeditions. Eighty-six

From the Birmingham Age-Herald.

at Herr Groeber for referring to the degrees and thirty-six minutes offers no

attractions.

Belgium perhaps may find compensation apart and crossed arms resting upon their in the annexation of the Kongo Free knees. Their faces were expressionless and stupid, with a hint of cruelty in the vicious eyes. Each man had a basket of rubber before him. Every man in the richer regions must bring in three kilos that blows nobody any (six pounds) of rubber a year-the only good." The exploitation of the Kongo Col- tax imposed upon them. This only means ony indeed will necessitate the building a few days' work a year for them-a work which requires no effort whatever. As they generally go en masse upon these rubber collecting expeditions, they carry upon the whole thing as a great spree. among natives themselves. They have not yet risen to pneumatic motor wheels nor Addressing the Belgian senate, of which to mackintoshes, goloshes or rubber-soled Don't you know that other people, soon or late tennis shoes. No use worth referring to is made by them of this valuable latex, if you see no good in others, lack the manly virtues, too? so that I think a good deal of fuss which is made in Europe regarding stealing the

> To return to the attitude of parties in the Belgian chamber, rendered all the more confused and uncertain by the unfortunate pressure from without, it Relations. is only necessary to add

that many radicals favor an adjournment that the country may be consulted, but in Catholic and liberal circles it is urged that annexation should be adopted because it is the best means of anticipating international complications. The public debate of the question is now in order, and a solution must be arrived at before the

The Independence Belge of the 11th inis bathed by the ocean. I pray that the intelligence and activity which abounds in stant publishes the text of the additional our country will be employed in making act of cession of the Kongo Free State to Belgium. The following extracts will interest the reader:

> The commission reports the introduc-"Sire: At the moment that the chambers are about to decide the question of

'We counsel your majesty to consent to withdraw from the former act of foundation that which may be attributed to the domain of our future colony. 'A capital of fifty million francs payable in fifteen annuities the first of 3,800,. colonial council. In the 000 francs, and each of the fourteen othfirst proposition this coun- ers of 3,300,000 will be attributed, as an cil was composed of mem- expression of gratitude to your majesty

by the Kongo Free State created by your "These fands shall be applied by the ment of six members of the colonial coun- advantage of those who have served

> act his personal interest and turned over to Belgium all of his interests in

The Independence Belge declares that cord with the counsel of the supreme this is the best result that could be desired, and this agree-Colonial established on sound principles goes to prove that Belgium is now prepared with all her prestige to which is to be presided over by the at- play the colonial role which the politi-

served for her. The Standard of London is cited by the Independence Belge as saying in the commission have the individual right an article on the Kongo: "The criticisms of the administration of the Kongo have done harm to a good cause by their unjust attacks against King Leopold and his agents." The Standard regrets that certain chiefs of reform movements have expressed themselves in a way which could be interpreted as a lack of respect for the Belgian nation. resent in a most scandalous fashion the intentions of the foreign office and the sentiments of the English people to suggest that England nourishes any designs upon the heritage that Belgium has in perspective. "We have the most absolute confidence," it continues, "in the humanity and in the political genius of the Belgians, and we will sincerely rejoice when we shall be relieved of

our part of the responsibility" (for the Kongo Free State). The Belgian people are not tractable They are difficult to govern. Had they been less difficult they would have seen that theirs was a double destiny. Nor was it because they lacked leaders. Leopold teen years to King Leop- I was really a grand king. During his old. The constitution, they reign it was said of him that he had never violated a. law, never trespassed upon liberties and never given cause for a single legitimate complaint of a citizen the esteem of all in Belgium and in foreign lands. And Leopold II would have to his services as Duc de Brabant, senator But the king created (the work of his own inspiration) the International African Association, which developed into the Kongo

> Nor is the king's ambition exhausted. At the moment that he voluntarily surrenders the crown and assure the development of

Belgium and the Kongo colony by the creation of a navy. Nor is it a vain hope, the dream of a maritime Belgium. The Duke of Brabant recalled the splendor of Bruges, the capital of western Flanders, the "Venice of the north," whence Flemish vessels plowed all known seas; Ostende, whence sailed at the close of the seventeenth century the famous Compagnie d'Ostende, which was a real maritime power. Finally the Flemish people remember with pride their great navigators, among whom Jean Seghers, the first to spend the winter in ture. The fault is not in the Flemish land and Holland.

CH, CHAILLE-LONG.

PAY-AS-YOU-ENTER CARS.

From the Chicago News. The Duke of Abruzzi, who wants to New York, which likes to startle the marry Miss Elkins, is said to be worth world with something new each day in \$2,000,000 in his own right. That would the way of transportation, thinks the seem enough to get married on, especially "pay-as-you-enter" cars are very novel. It takes a long while for innovations to get around to the small villages.

> From the Indianapolis News. It looks as if those pay-as-you-enter cars in Chicago and New York were proving to be a success. Passengers say that hanging on the straps in them is not a bit more tiresome or even uncomfortable than in the old kind.

From the Providence Evening Bulletin. "Pay-as-you-enter" seems to be a success in New York. Pay as you go was always a pretty good rule. From the Scranton Tribune.

Scranton has no "pay-as-you-enter" trolley cars, but there are quite a number of the "bump-as-you-ride" kind in use. can't hurt the royal family a bit, and From the Providence Tribune.

The plan of paying as you enter the car seems destined to bring the street railway business down to the theatrical level. Whatever comes of it, it is to be hoped

From the Newark News. But the real need of the hour in trolley matters is "a-seat-after-you-get-in" car.

ON TIMELY TOPICS

TO THE KNOCKER.

Why go knocking, knocking, knocking, all the time and everywhere? Don't you know that men will doubt you th your words are never fair? insist that Smith has never done Why to merit praise?
point out the faults of Adams
torkley's foolish ways? Why not dwell sometimes cheerful, hopeful kind? Why keep hunting for the tree search may always find? Why go knocking, knocking, knocking, when you often, if you would, Might discover fair excuses to be saying some thing good? must think that yo

REGRET.

-Chicago Record-Herald

Why refer to others always in a sneering, snappish way? Why not be discreetly silent if there's nothing

A little while, and all the laws That rule us now shall pass away— Our undergarments shall be gauze

Wby refer

The things we know are right shall lose Their place in life, their power to awe;

We'll change them all for Oxford shoes And hats of straw A little while-'tis like a dream, But years must come and years must ond, where hot Scotches ruled supreme,

Gin rickeys flow! O blind ones! Why consider that The Present needs must be the All? Why did I throw my summer hat

Away, last fall?

-Cleveland Leader

IT'S A FRIEND'S PRIVILEGE

You'll be my friend and stick to me Through storm and sunshine, foul and fair; You'll share my joys, my comfort be, When I'm confronted with despair? When fortune frowns, of course, you may This kindly promise recollect,. But I'll be bound you'll come and say:

"You're getting what you might expect." make mistakes, as all men do, And have to bear the consequence; It's often very bitter, too, And my chagrin is most intense such a case a little spark Of sympathy is not amiss, But you would probably remark:

"I knew that it would come to this." You'll be my friend, you say; but friends That privilege will always claim. o matter what a man intends, His consolation is the same. You're only human, like the rest. And when I'm overwhelmed with don't care how you may protest, You'll tell me that you told me so.

IT OFTEN HAPPENS.

-Chicago News

'Men are nine-tenths good." says Hughes; This will prove most welcome news. Though it seems a faulty plan For the tenth to run the man -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Now the veteran fisherman Dreams of piscatory loot, Sticks a patch upon a boo Sorts a mass of tangled hooks and Oils the automatic reel. Lays out woolen shirt and stockings,

BEFORE THE SEASON OPENS.

Then the lancewood rod is tested, Is revarnished and rewound; Fill'd the cheering little bottle.

And the drinking cup is found.

The old canvas coat is tattered, But will last a season hence, And the khaki pants are mended

Where they caught upon the fence. Next the sportsman knots the leaders. Buys a new enameled line. Repairs be the basket harness With a little piece of twine: Fills the old fly-book to bursting With decoys of latest type; Minds the matches and tobacco

And the fragrant corncob pipe But the days are long and weary When the fever's in the blood. And the icy brooks are waiting For the springtime and the flood And the patient angler dreams Of the sunshine on the meadows And the sport along the stream

AND HERE'S ANOTHER.

-New York Press

Maud Muller in the public press In halting rhymes Parodied has been, I guess, Ten thousand times.

THE PLUNGE. Well, let's prepare to blow The season for it's here; We've got to join the go, You know, If we'd enjoy real cheer. This fever of the spring,

By jing. There's just one way to cure; And though our thrift take wing, This thing We've got to stand for, sure.
Let's keep up with the town;
Pay down
The cash, without a jar;

Sign notes without a frown, And crown Our joy-Huh? Motor car.

-Indianapolis News. AERIAL MAIL

(Notes, weighed with lead, are dropped from the French balloon to the friends of the bal-When Betty stepped into her aeroplane lightly She looked in my eyes as I hade her z nod night, And, as she departed, she called to me brightly, I may stay a week, but don't worry, I'll State to Belgium he would So, cheered by the hope for an early epistle.

a low and melodious whistle,

I thought of my love as I sauntered toward She dropped me a line the next evening at twilight, Came into my bedroom-along with the cky And shockingly dented my second best hat, My cook, the next morning, stepped out of the On hearing the milkman already estir-

gloam.

message that Betty had aimed at my case Came out of the heavens, and-well, it got The butcher, the baker, the coal man and Now leave my supplies in the next street They swear if they dare to approach any They know they'll be shot by some fond billet

Last night, as she sailed, my dear Betty in-A fifteen-page letter, to give me a proof Of how she adores me, and when that lighted It took off a chimney and stove in the Although to love's bondage I still am missive. It irks one to know that his house is a fail

The which he can't leave lest some eighteen-pound missive

By chance is among his aerial mail.

I'd hate to have Betty distrust me or doubt I'd bate to be harsh to the girl I adore, But still, if her notes keep descending about I'll answer some day with a Krag .44.

-Minneapolis Tribune

THE HAND I PRESSED.

The little hand I pressed-ah, mo-That I but pressed and did deposite How tenderly I think of thee, I wonder fondly where thou art.

I wonder whither thou shalt e'er Feel once again my tender clasp; With thee the world and all were mine, I saw the prize within my grasp.

The little hand I pressed—ah, me!— and held with all the lover's art— A royal flush—the house was pinched— I left the pot and did depart. -Cornell Widow.

THE WAY WITH HER.

There's just no use in talking, When a woman starts to cry
She can have most any bauble
That a pile of gold can buy.
If she desired the ocean And melted into tears, Some chap would try to scoop it up.

If it took a million years!

—Birmingham Age-Herals.